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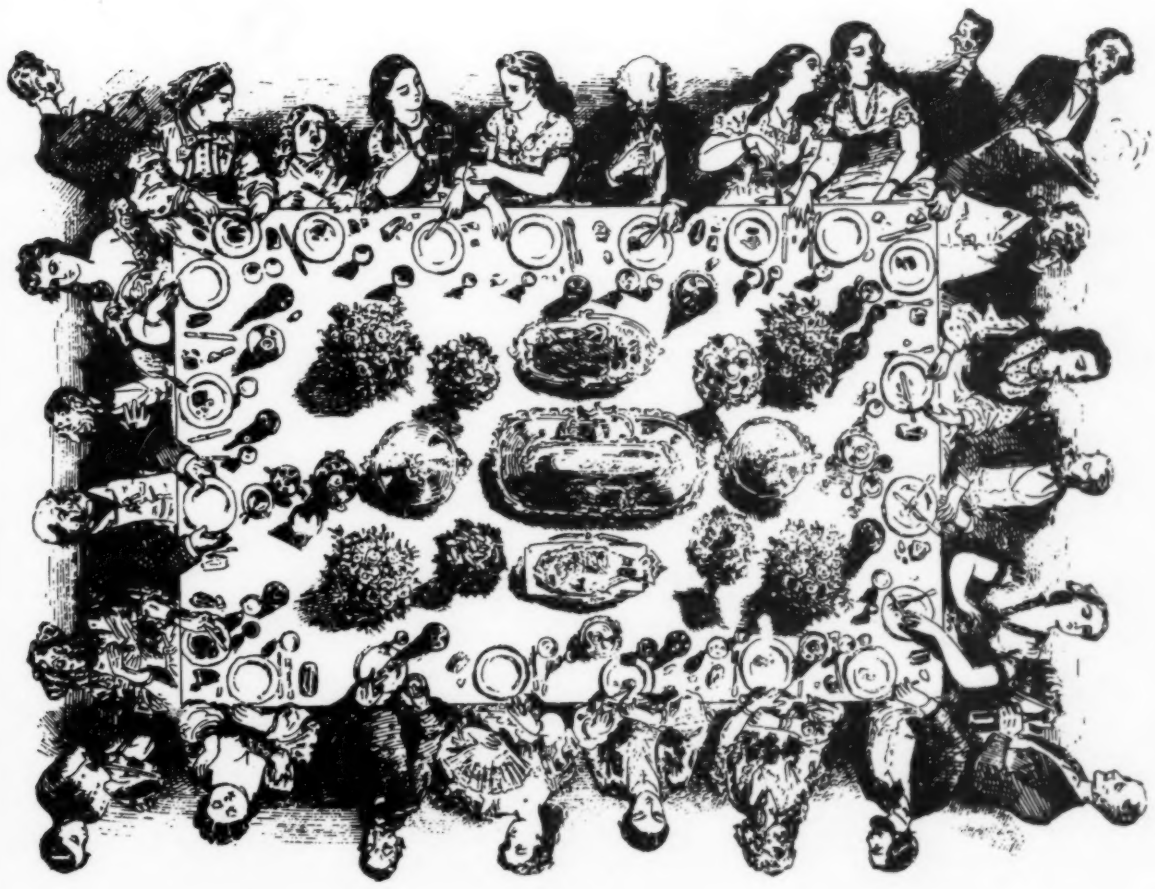

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Festive Victorian meal. From a modern cookbook of Victorian recipes in the Library's collections, *Früstücken wie ein König*, by Anneliese and Gerhard Eckert, Verlag Hölker, Munster, West Germany, 1978, p. 102. Nineteenth-century illustration from the Verlag Hölker archive, reproduced with kind permission of the publisher.

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Folklife Center Program on French Christmas Foods

The American Folklife Center held a free workshop at the Library of Congress titled "With Food We Celebrate: Joyeux Noël, A French Christmas Program," on December 7.

The program, which attracted a standing-room-only crowd, focused on French holiday traditions and food customs, and concluded with a tasting of Christmas delicacies. This event also celebrated the bicentennial of the French Revolution.

Throughout France the *reveillon*, the dinner after Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, remains a focal point of traditional holiday celebrations. The name of the dinner comes from the words *reveiller* or *re-veiller*, which means to wake up or to begin a new watch. It was originally thought that the energy consumed in going to three consecutive evening masses warranted a celebratory, reconstitutive meal upon return. Individual or regional menus for the dinner vary, but most include an abundant array of seasonal specialties such as oysters, *pâté de foie gras*, truffles, *boudins blancs*, goose, turkey, chestnuts, and champagne. Visits to the patisseries ensure that most tables include a *buche de Noël* (a yule-log cake), and for the early January Feast of the Epiphany, a *galette des rois* (or during Revolutionary years, a *galette de l'égalité*).

Raymond Campet of La Brasserie Restaurant on Capitol Hill described French holiday food preparations and shared a yule-log cake and a *galette des rois*.

Born in Vichy, France, Mr. Campet grew up with food traditions from his mother's family from the Burgundy region and his father's from the Basque country. Mr. Campet graduated from restaurant school in Clermont-Ferrand, Auvergne. In 1971 he came to the United States to work at the French Embassy. Two years later, he left to work with Michel Serrier in Georgetown at the Café de Paris. In 1979, Raymond Campet opened La Brasserie with Gabriel Aubouin, whom he had met while working at the embassy. Mr. Campet was introduced by Carol Armbruster, French/Italian area specialist of the Library's European Division.

Donald C. Curran To Act as Head of Constituent Services

Donald C. Curran, Associate Librarian for Operations, is serving as the acting Associate Librarian for Constituent Services pending the permanent filling of that position, which was posted earlier this fall.

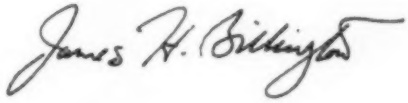
The new Constituent Services service unit encompasses Library Distribution Services (Cataloging Distribution Service, Federal Research Division, National Translations Center, Photoduplication Service, and Retail Sales), the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and Public Service and Collection Management II (Childrens Literature Center, Collections Management Division, European Division, General Reading Rooms Division, Hispanic Division, Loan Division, National Referral Service, Science Division, Serial and Government Publications Division, and Visitor Services).

Together with the Associate Librarian for Collections Services, the Associate Librarian for Constituent Services is responsible for Public Service and Collection Management I and the Collections Policy Office. The Associate Librarian for Constituent Services also supervises the Director for Research Management, Director for Education Services, and Federal Library and Information Center Committee.

Mr. Curran joined the staff of the Library of Congress in 1961, working in the former Legislative

Holiday Greetings from the Librarian of Congress

After a year of solid achievement and organizational change, I am impressed more than ever with the talent and dedication of the Library staff. As we head into the 1990s, I send you all my warmest holiday greetings along with my sincerest best wishes.



Reference Service, Reference Department, and Administrative Department, where he rose to chief of the Financial Management Office. He was named Associate Librarian of Congress in 1976 and served as the acting Register of Copyrights in 1985. He was appointed Associate Librarian for Operations in September of this year.

Nora J. Bardak Is Payroll Conversion Project Manager

Nora J. Bardak has been named to the position of project manager, Payroll Conversion (National Finance Center).

Ms. Bardak previously worked at the Department of Commerce where she was a member of its conversion team which converted 13 personnel offices that serviced 35,000 employees in four migrations to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Personnel/Payroll System over a two and one-half year period.

Ms. Bardak has served in the Federal Government more than 21 years. She began at the U.S. Army Map Service in 1965, and has held positions at the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency and the National Bureau of Standards. Ms. Bardak was a personnel systems program manager prior to her appointment at the Library.

"The Library of Congress conversion is the ultimate challenge," Ms. Bardak said. "The Library is the first legislative agency to convert to the USDA System and will pave the way for other legislative agencies to convert."

Ms. Bardak resides in Gaithersburg, Md., with her husband, Steve, and her two children, Kelly and Christopher.

Peter Braestrup Appointed Director, Office of Communications

Peter Braestrup, correspondent and editor, has been appointed senior editor/director of communications in the newly created Office of Communications, Cultural Affairs Service Unit, effective November 20.

The office will oversee the Library's communications efforts, both externally with its many constituencies and internally with the staff. The director, in addition to supervising the work of the Public Affairs Office (formerly the Information Office) and the Publishing Office, works directly for the Librarian of Congress as an advisor on all communications, including television and magazine projects.

A native of New York City, Mr. Braestrup is a 1951 graduate of Yale University. In Washington and overseas, he has served as a correspondent/contributing editor for *Time* magazine (1953–57), investigative reporter for the former *New York Herald Tribune* (1957–60), correspondent for the *New York Times* (1960–68), and the *Washington Post* (1968–73). He subsequently held a fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and led the planning and launching of the center's publication, the *Wilson Quarterly*, in 1976, which he ran as editor for 13 years.

Mr. Braestrup is the author of *Big Story* (Yale University Press, 1983) and *Battle Lines: The Military and the Media* (Twentieth Century Fund, 1985) and edited *Vietnam as History* (University Press of America, 1984). He has written for *Harper's*, *Atlantic*, and other magazines. Mr. Braestrup has appeared on ABC's "Nightline," NBC's "Today" show, and Washington public broadcasting station WETA. He has also lectured at Harvard University, the U.S. Naval Academy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Virginia. He held a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard in 1959–60, and received a Sigma Delta Chi award for research in journalism in 1978.

Mr. Braestrup served as a rifle platoon leader in the First Marine Division during the Korean War (1952), rising to the rank of first lieutenant.

He is married to the former Sandra Cornelia Newing.

Library Issues Country Studies of Iran, Lebanon

The Library of Congress has issued the latest two volumes in the series of country studies prepared by its Federal Research Division under an agreement with the Department of the Army. The books, titled *Iran: A Country Study* and *Lebanon: A Country Study*, were edited respectively by Helen Chapin Metz and Thomas Collelo, both of the Federal Research Division.

The series consists of more than 100 titles and covers approximately 143 sovereign states and 15 dependencies. A typical book in the series, intended as an introduction to an individual country, contains five chapters describing and analyzing its history, society, economy, government and politics, and national security. Each book is hardbound and contains maps, charts, photographs, tables, bibliographies, a glossary, and an index.

The books in the series are used for a wide range of purposes, including training programs for government and military personnel and for college classes on comparative government and international relations. During the past several years, approximately one million copies of the books in the series have been sold, and more than 150,000 copies have been distributed to depository libraries throughout the United States.

A list of books in print in the series is available from the Country Studies Program, Federal Research Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

To purchase the books on Iran and Lebanon, write the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. (Cite stock numbers when ordering: *Iran*—$17, stock number 008-020-01181-9; *Lebanon*—$15, stock number 008-020-01183-5). Include check or money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents.

Daniel J. Boorstin Is Honored By Two National Awards

President George Bush presenting the Charles Frankel Prize to Dr. Boorstin (right). Lynne V. Cheney (left) looks on.

Librarian of Congress Emeritus Daniel J. Boorstin recently received two major awards—the National Book Award Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, and the National Endowment for the Humanities' Charles Frankel Prize.

The National Book Award Medal, which includes a prize of $10,000, was announced in New York City on November 29. The nonprofit National Book Foundation sponsored the awards ceremony at the Pierre Hotel, which was attended by some 500 publishers, editors, and literary agents.

Earlier that month, Dr. Boorstin was honored at the White House by President George Bush, who presented him the Charles Frankel Prize of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Named after Charles Frankel (1917-79), professor of philosophy at Columbia University, the award singles out distinguished Americans "for their efforts to help diverse audiences understand the great texts, themes, and insight of the humanities," according to Lynne V. Cheney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, who was present at the White House ceremony on November 6. The award includes a stipend of $5,000.

"My works have focussed on experience (which I never forget has its origin in *experiri*, to try or experience)," Dr. Boorstin told those attending the National Book Awards ceremony. "In the American experience I have sought the delights and perils of American first times, and the infinite spectrum of people, the Americans. In reaching out from Americans to world history I have again been in search of the delights, the tribulations, and the surprises of first times. . . *The Discoverers* was a history of some remarkable first times in man's search to know, and *The Creators*, which I am now working on and hope to have for you before too long, will be a history of Western man's more successful efforts to make the new."

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CFC Campaign Tops Goal, Raises $250,741

Proud of having exceeded their goal are CFC officials and coordinators Rosy Pujadas (left), Kris Vajs, Gwen Bailey (CFC program coordinator), Austin Graff, Andrea White, Paul Wallace (campaign coordinator), Dennis Hawkes, Joseph Ross, Dr. Billington, Dawn Thompson, Lygia Ballantyne, and Gloria Baskerville-Holmes. (Coordinator Ruth Levush is not pictured.)

Library employees pledged their commitment to the Combined Federal Campaign's (CFC) slogan to "Help Someone Have a Better Tomorrow" by giving $250,741, topping this year's goal by nearly $500 on the eve of the campaign closing.

At an awards ceremony November 30, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington praised the department coordinators and keyworkers for their "dedication in presenting the story of the 1,040 CFC charities" and noted that donations were still being reported.

"There is no end to their caring," echoed Phyllis Fleming, CFC associate director, who awarded each department coordinator a toy "care bear" in appreciation of their work.

Award plaques, representing various levels of contributions and participation, were also presented: the President's Award, for units that contributed $150 per employee, with 100 percent participation; the Chairman's Award, for units that contributed $100 per employee with 75 percent or more participation; the Honor Award, for units that contributed $75 per employee with 70 percent or more participation; and the Merit Award, for units that contributed $50 per employee with 65 percent or more participation. Several units received Special Recognition Awards.

Dr. Billington, who served as chair of the Library's CFC campaign, presented the awards to the keyworkers responsible for recipient units. They were as follows:

Office of the Librarian (Austin Graff, coordinator): Sharon Baker, Office of Planning and Development, Merit Award; Brenda Haney, the immediate Office of the Librarian, Honor Award; John J. Kominski, Office of the General Counsel, President's Award; Sharon Lyn Ragan, Personnel Security Office, Chairman's Award; and Mary K. Redfern, Collections Development Office, President's Award.

Processing Services (Lygia Ballantyne, coordinator; Andrea White, assistant coordinator): Shirley Gorham, Network Development and MARC Standards Office, President's Award; Gail Moorhouse, Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy, Merit Award; Steven Permut, Special Materials Cataloging Division, President's Award; and Andrea White, Automation Planning and Liaison Office, President's Award.

Management Services (Rosy Pujadas, coordinator): Rhoda Canter and Jacinta Pegram, Office of the Associate Librarian for Management, President's Award; and Rosalyn Wilcots, Equal Employment Office, Honor Award.

Research Services (Dennis Hawkes, coordinator): John Knowlton, Manuscript Division, Merit Award; Thadeus Ohta, Asian Division, Honor Award; and John Price, Science and Technology Division, Chairman's Award.

Law Library (Ruth Levush, coordinator): Gary Eugene Greenfield, American-British Law Division, Chairman's Award; and Constance Johnson, Far Eastern Law Division, Chairman's Award.

Copyright Office (Dawn Thompson, coordinator): Roberto Basilio, Renewals Section, Examining Division, Merit Award; Barbara Foley, Information and Reference Division Office, President's Award, and Reference and Bibliography Section, Honor Award; Angela Herron, Audiovisual Section, Cataloging Division,

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Keyworker Angela Herron receives the CFC Honor Award from Dr. Billington on behalf of the Audiovisual Section, Cataloging Division, Copyright Office.

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Honor Award; and Mark Lewis, Licensing Division, Special Recognition Award.

Congressional Research Service (Kris Vajs, coordinator): Charles Jackson, Congressional Reference Division, Special Recognition Award; Daniel Mulhollan and Rinn Shinn, Government Division, Special Recognition Award; Dianne Rennack, Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division, President's Award; and Diana Sloan, Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division, Special Recognition Award.

Cultural Affairs (Gloria Baskerville-Holmes, coordinator): Clarke Allen, Publishing Office, President's Award; and Lisa Oshins, American Folklife Center, Honor Award.

In closing, Joseph E. Ross, Director of the Congressional Research Service and vice chair of the campaign, praised all those who worked so hard to make the campaign a success and wished next year's vice chair, Rhoda Canter, Associate Librarian for Management, "the same kind of luck I had this year."

No Confirmation of Legionnaires' Disease

A special announcement from the Librarian's Office to staff members on November 22 stated that a Library employee had been reported as having symptoms of Legionnaires' Disease. All follow-up medical tests proved that the employee did not have Legionnaires' Disease. No other cases of Legionnaires' Disease have been identified at the Library.

In order to satisfy the concerns of employees, however, the Library contracted with George K. Morris of Pathogen Control Laboratories in Atlanta, Ga., to test the water handling systems in the Library's Madison Building on December 8. Dr. Morris was the chief of the research team that originally isolated the legionella organism in 1978. The test results will be published in the LC *Information Bulletin.*

According to Sandra M. Charles, M.D., Library of Congress Health Officer, "Legionnaires' Disease bacterium is transmitted via inhalation of water droplets containing viable legionella from aerosols in cooling towers, showers, spraytaps, drinking water fountains, whirlpools, and home and office humidifiers. There has been no documented person-to-person spread."

A detailed fact sheet on Legionnaires' Disease is available in the Health Services Office, Room LM G40.

Living With AIDS Is Focus of Health Forum

After being diagnosed with AIDS in 1986, serials cataloger David Green continued to work as long as he was able. He retired from the Library in May, but returned on December 4 to share something about his experience with AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), as one of three panelists at a program titled, "Living with AIDS," part of the monthly Health Forum series sponsored by the Library of Congress Health Services Office.

Health Services Officer Sandra M. Charles, M.D., moderated the panel, which also included Jeffrey Akman, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at George Washington University Hospital, and Margaret Kadree, M.D., assistant professor of medicine and director of HIV (Human Immuno-deficiency Virus) services at Howard University Hospital.

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The discussion focused on the issues of how to tell others—particularly in the workplace—about a positive HIV diagnosis, and the importance of high-risk individuals getting tested.

David Green arrived in a wheelchair, accompanied by a nurse and a portable oxygen tank. He had been released from one of many stays in the hospital only three days before. His first words to the audience were an expression of gratitude for the support he had received from his co-workers and the protection he had received from the Library's policy on employees with AIDS. He recalled that when he first found out he had AIDS he did not tell anyone in his office. When he finally told his co-workers they were "responsive and loving," sharing his view that "AIDS is a disease, not a crime."

As a psychotherapist who works primarily with persons with AIDS, Dr. Akman picked up on Mr. Green's description of the difficulties in notifying one's workplace. Because of the stigma, irrational fear, and discrimination that are so often directed at persons with AIDS, one of the initial crises faced by persons diagnosed with AIDS is how to tell others.

Dr. Charles outlined the ways in which Health Services can assist employees having AIDS with the process of informing the office.

An employee's decision to share the fact of having AIDS is a very personal one, Dr. Charles pointed out. An employee who is asymptomatic may choose to wait. Dr. Charles suggested that such a person seek some counseling in the meantime—she and the nurses on the Health Services staff are available to listen and help.

The employee may feel the need to explain the situation to co-workers once it becomes necessary to take a lot of sick leave due to medical appointments or illness; however, Health Services can supply a medical "interpretation" to the employee's supervisor which excuses absence but keeps the nature of the illness confidential.

When the employee makes the decision to inform the supervisor, Health Services staff members can serve as "buffers" by sitting in on the meeting between the employee and the supervisor.

If the employee is concerned that co-workers will be uncomfortable with the news, Health Services staff members can meet with office members to respond to their questions and fears about working with someone with AIDS.

And, in accordance with the Library's policy on accommodation of employees with AIDS, the Health Services staff can supply the medical approval needed for advanced sick leave, use of the leave transfer program, permission to work at home, and handicapped parking.

All three panelists were adamant about the importance of those who engage in high-risk behaviors getting tested. Dr. Charles compared the high-risk person who avoids getting tested for AIDS to the woman who avoids breast self-examination because she is afraid to discover a lump. Early diagnosis, she pointed out, gives a person with AIDS the opportunity to set priorities and live life intentionally.

Dr. Akman added that the "Why get tested? It won't matter" attitude needs to change, because evidence now shows that the earlier AZT and other drugs are applied, the better they may slow the advance of the disease.

Although he understood the deep fear behind being tested, Mr. Green urged that, "you have to do something scary [in order] to live as long as you can." His presence on the panel was a testimony to his own adherence to the principle of getting on with one's life in the face of extreme adversity. Having made several humorous remarks during the course of the program, Mr. Green said of living with AIDS, "you have to look at it with some humor or you'll definitely throw in the towel."

—Alice Taylor

Personnel Changes

Appointments: John F. DeMarco, operating accountant, GS-9, CDS, 90482; Arlene Klauber, nurse practitioner, GS-11, Health, 90542; Robert D. Morgan, communications specialist, GS-9, TSO, 90501; Yealuri R. Raj, librarian, GS-9, NLS/BPH, 90338.

Temporary Appointments: Antonio D. Baskerville, library technician, GS-3, Col Mgmt, G119J; Louis J. Brenner, deck attendant, GS-3, Ser; Ann L. Dancy, program specialist, GS-9, AFC; Andrey K. Marcus, legislative liaison specialist, GS-11; Deirdre K. Mulligan, production support unit clerk, GS-5, CRD; Ruby M. Tyree, clerk messenger, GS-4, CRD.

Reappointments: Jerome D. Spanns, clerical assistant, GS-3, Photodup.

Transfers: Denise Gotay, payroll clerk, GS-5, Acctg, 90511.

Resignations: Elena Benitez, photographer, GT-4, Photodup; Mary A. Cooney, librarian technician, GS-5, Sci; Sharon M. English, secretary (typing), GS-6, NLS/BPH; Leslie M. Freudenheim, historical specialist, GT-11, P & P; Nancy R. Miller, analyst information science & technology, GS-12, CRS SPR; Christine A. Norris, file supervisor, GS-5, Cop Inf & Ref; William R. O'Toole, phased conservator level I, GS-7, Conserv; Marcellus S. Todd, senior registration and certification assistant, GS-4, Cop Rec & Proc; Gisela Von Muhlenbrock, foreign law specialist, GS-14, Hisp; James M. Wilder, photographer, GT-4, Photodup, Jerome B. Williams, computer programming assistant, GS-7, ITS.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Friday, January 5
☐ "Classic Performances," a series of radio concerts from the sound archives of the Library of Congress, begins on WETA-FM (88.5 FM) from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The series continues for 25 more weeks every Friday.

Tuesday, January 9
☐ "The New Center for European Community Studies," Desmond Dinan, interim director, Center for European Community Studies, George Mason University. LC Professional Association (LCPA). Room to be announced, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 11
☐ "Former Attractions: Yesterday's Hollywood Previews" (videotape), John Wayne, visual arts examiner, Copyright Office, LCPA. Room LM 407, 12:10 p.m.

Friday, January 12
☐ "The Civil Law System in the Hispanic World and the Anglo-Saxon Legal Tradition," Armando González, former assistant chief, Hispanic Law Division. LC Hispanic Cultural Society. Dining Room A, 12 noon.

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